

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
John BUTLER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/665,395)	Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha
Filed: September 22, 2003)	
For: WOUND RETRACTOR SYSTEM)	Confirmation No.: 4412

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, the period for response being extended to February 19, 2008 (February 18th being a federal holiday) by the Petition requesting a one-month extension of time filed herewith, and the finality having been removed by the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-referenced application as provided below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this reply.

Remarks follow the claim amendments section of this reply.